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# CITY UNLOCKED ?

## Roads full of vehicles

*Vehicular traffic on JLB Road in city this morning. Picture right shows motorists travelling on Irwin Road despite the lockdown extension in Mysuru till June 21.*

Mysuru, June 14 (RK&BCT)- Sending a signal to the State Government that they are least bothered about the pandemic, people poured onto the streets with their vehicles this morning, clogging the roads at many places and on arterial roads. In a way, the effect of unlocking Bengaluru was felt in Mysuru.

The lockdown orders issued by the Government in Mysuru from June 14 (today) till June 21 was felt only on a couple of roads including Sayyaji Rao Road and D. Devaraj Urs Road where the Police had put up barricades and were seen questioning the motorists on their purpose of the visit.

However, roads beyond the Central Business District were full of vehicles and there was none to question their movements. People were moving around freely though shops selling essential goods downed their shutters after 10 am. Seeing the heavy traffic, shops in extension areas remained open beyond 10 am as there was a lack of surveillance.

Seeing the heavy traffic, many were wondering if the Government has lifted the lockdown, allowing free and unrestricted movement.

"Where is COVID here? No one is bothered and we too are fed up telling people not to come out of their homes unnecessarily but they don't seem to listen," said a Policeman manning traffic on KRS Road.

**(See UNLOCKED on page 7)**

# Ban orders clamped in Mysuru till June 21

Mysuru, June 14 (SSV)- Mysuru City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta has clamped prohibitory orders under Section 144 of Cr.PC in city from 6 am of June 14 to 6 am of June 21 in public interest to check the spread of Coronavirus.

In a press release, he said accordingly, crowding of more than five persons in a particular place is prohibited. Citizens must maintain a safe distance of six feet and must compulsorily wear masks.

**(See BAN on page 7)**

# Sanchari Vijay in coma

## Family to donate his organs

Bengaluru, June 14 (Agencies)- National Award-winning Kannada actor Sanchari Vijay is in coma after the actor met with an accident on Saturday evening and had sustained grievous injuries.

Despite an emergency brain surgery, he was unresponsive and the doctors at Apollo Hospital on Bannerghatta Road here announced that he is brain dead. Vijay's brother Siddesh Kumar informed media this noon that the family has decided to donate his organs.

"Doctors have informed us that his brain stem has failed and the possibilities of him reviving are very slim. As you all know he always worked for the betterment of society. He even worked round the clock on the relief efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic. So, we have decided to donate his organs. We believe that it will bring him peace. He will continue to help the society even in death," the actor's brother said.

*Sanchari Vijay*

**(See VIJAY on page 7)**

# STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

**Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.**

Mysuru, Monday 14th June 2021


## Kodagu-based Indian Officer shines at US Naval War College

Mysuru, June 14- Lieutenant Commander Suraj Aiyappa of the Indian Navy has made our country proud by winning the highest number of Awards this year and the highest ever accoladed to an Indian Officer, at the Naval Staff Course of the U.S. Naval War College.

Notably, Suraj has been awarded the Second Place in the national-level Secretary of Defense National Strategy Essay Competition across all Military Institutions in the US, joining a rare and elite group of International Officers to have achieved this feat.

In addition, Suraj has also been awarded two prestigious Writing Awards (First Position), including the Lt. Michael P. Murphy Counter-terrorism Prize and the Naval Staff College International Essay Award at the U.S. Naval War College.

Suraj is also the only International Officer this year and the first Indian Officer to earn a Graduate Certificate in Ethics and Emerging Military Technologies from the U.S. Naval War College. He has graduated with a Master of Arts Degree in Defense and Strategic Studies.

Suraj is the son of Lt. Col. Mukkatira A. Kariappa, SM (Retd.) and Saraswathy Kariappa (Thamane - Annalamada), who are residing at Sena Vihar (A.W.H.O.), Bengaluru.

Suraj's elder sister Pooja Kariappa is Head - Human Resources at Vascon Engineers Limited, Pune.

Suraj is married to Dr. Yamuna (Thamane-Maneyapanda) who is a Dentist by profession.

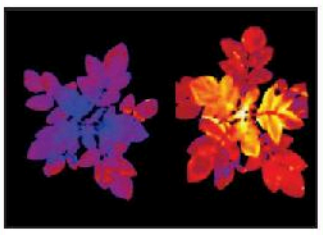
## EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

***What sets the act of reading apart from other art forms, is that unlike say cinema or music, reading has never been a team sport. It's a solitary and deeply personal avocation that somehow occupies that privileged position of moving and affecting us indelibly. Perhaps why troubled soldiers who returned home from the front after the First World War were often prescribed a course of reading. The battle with the Coronavirus has been no less than a war, principally for both our frontline workers and families that have suffered the brunt of it. The countless books, journals, newspapers, tabloids, zines, internet fan fiction, et al which have been read and reread by people while withstanding the wrath of this colossal adversary, have aided the process of healing. If we ever again step into a world without this debilitating, imperceptible fear of the virus, it might take years for us to reclaim our lives and recover from this collective trauma. That road will be long and winding, no less than a meditation on love and loss; one where we might often feel very alone. And when we do, reading will be waiting for us — ready with its rescuing hand.***

*— Sayantan Ghosh in The Times of India*

## NEWS SPARKLERS

### Plants that glow when they are stressed



Jerusalem: Scientists and researchers at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem has managed to genetically modify potato plants to glow under fluorescent cameras when stressed by various factors.

A team of Israeli researchers led by Dr. Shilo Rosenwaser managed to genetically modify a potato plant so that it glows under fluorescent camera when affected by physical stress (lack of water, cold weather, lack of sunlight, strong light etc.).

Researchers achieved the incredible feat by introducing a new gene into the plant's chloroplasts, subcellular structures that conduct photosynthesis. This gene expresses a fluorescent protein in response to the presence of reactive oxygen species – highly reactive chemical molecules that are produced in order to help mitigate stress. The more stress that a plant experiences, the more reactive oxygen species it produces, the brighter its fluorescent glow.

### Whale swallows diver, but rejects him as meal

Hyannis: A Massachusetts lobster diver survived being swallowed up and then spat out by a humpback whale off the coast of Cape Cod, giving him about 40 surreal seconds in the mouth of the large marine animal.

Michael Packard said it happened in a flash as he swam in about 45 feet of water one moment before everything turned dark in an instant Friday. Packard said he initially thought he was attacked by a shark but realized he didn't feel like he was bitten and wasn't in any pain.

Packard said for those frantic moments, all he could think about was his two young boys and possibly dying inside the whale before the mammal rejected him as a meal. Doctors released Packard from Cape Cod Hospital in Hyannis, battered, but no broken bones and one heck of a fish story to tell.

## HEALTH CAPSULE

Angiomas are benign growths made up of small blood vessels.They can appear anywhere on the body. Factors such as exposure to chemicals, climate, or pregnancy can increase the chance of angiomas. Sometimes it may be an indicator of systemic problem like liver disease.

***Dr. Ravi S. - Consultant Dermatologist & Cosmetologist***

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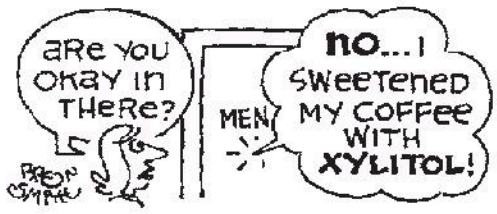


Xylitol is a naturally occurring sugar alcohol with 33% fewer calories than sugar and a sweetness similar to sucrose. It ranks only 7 on the glycemic index, while sugar registers 100. Xylitol is a 'safe' sweetener, but for some it may cause intestinal distress, including gas, blotting and diarrhoea.

### COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

| DATES | JUNE 12 | JUNE 13 |
|---|---|---|
| Day's Positive Cases | 482 | 1,251 |
| Total Positive Cases | 1,56,545 | 1,57,796 |
| Day's Discharges | 1,444 | 2,118 |
| Total Discharges | 1,41,300 | 1,43,418 |
| Day's Deaths | 20 | 25 |
| Total Deaths | 1,834 | 1,859 |
| Total Active Cases | 13,411 | 12,519 |

*NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin*

## Digital lecture on healthy life

Mysuru, June 14- As part of JSS Mahavidyapeetha's 'Jnana Varidhi,' a weekly online (virtual) lecture series, Nephrologist Dr. Jagadish Shivalingappa Jamboti will deliver a talk on 'Arogyakara Jeevana' (Healthy Life) at 6 pm today (June 14).

Dr. Jagadish Shivalingappa Jamboti is currently working as Consultant Renal Physician at Department of Nephrology and Renal Transplant, Fiona Stanley Hospital in Perth, Australia. Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji will grace the occasion.

The talk can be accessed through: YouTube: http://Youtube.com/ c/JSSMahavidyapeethaonline or Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/JSS-MVP or Website: http://jssonline.org, according to a release.

## REALLY...?

- *African Grey Parrots have vocabularies of over 200 words.*
- *Armadillos have 4 babies at a time and are all the same sex.*
- *A lobsters blood is colourless but when exposed to oxygen it turns blue.*
- *The Amazon rainforest produces half the world's oxygen supply.*
- *The Earth is struck by lightning over 100 times every second.*
- *The lifespan of a squirrel is 9 years.*

## LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

***Wherever we keep the money, our son steals it. I don't know what to do about it, where do I keep the money?***

*Keep it in his books. He never touches them...!!*

## TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 US Dollar | = Rs. 73.22 |
| 1 UK Pound | = Rs. 103.30 |
| 1 UAE Dirham | = Rs. 19.93 |
| 1 Euro | = Rs. 88.64 |

## VOICE OF THE READER

# MCC's online property tax: Payment data not uploaded

Sir,

This is with reference to the news item published in *SOM* dated June 10, 2021 on MCC's property tax collection.

Tax-payers in city feel that focus on online property tax payment should be given more weightage and at the same time MCC should ensure that all the required data are in the system before asking for online payment.

If all the data pertaining to online payment are available, majority of city population are willing to pay online without visiting Corporation Zonal Offices. At present the data pertaining to payment of tax is not uploaded into the system. In some cases of residential flats, data pertaining to one individual flat is updated, whereas some flats in the same building are not updated.

Generally, there is no response from MCC Zonal Offices with regard to updating. Citizens are made to wait or asked to come the next day. Two months in this financial year has already been elapsed and still data of some residents are not updated. How can we pay tax online? Requesting the MCC Commissioner to give attention to this aspect on priority.

**—K. Raghu Shetty**

Mysuru
11.6.2021

# In a first, Odisha allows recruitment of Transgenders in Police services

Bhubaneswar, June 14- In a landmark decision, the Odisha Government has allowed the transgender community to apply for the posts of Constables and Sub-Inspectors (SIs) in the State Police Department.

The Odisha Police has issued a notification inviting applications for recruitment of SIs and Constable posts and making trans people eligible to apply for these vacancies.

The Odisha Police Recruitment Board and Selection Board Constable (Communication) have sought online applications from men, women and transgender people for the appointment of 477 SIs and 244 Constables (Communication), respectively. The application portal will remain open from June 22 to July 15.

The minimum educational qualification for SI post is Graduation and for Constable post is 10+2.

Selection to these posts will be done on the basis of a computer-based test, physical standards and measurement test and physical efficiency test.

Welcoming the decision, Meera Parida, Chairman, All Odisha Transgender Welfare Association, said: "We thank to the Chief Minister and Home Department for taking this decision towards gender equality and the development of the Transgender Community. This step will not only boost their confidence but will also change the perception of the society towards transgender persons."

The Odisha Kinner and Third Gender Mahasangh, a transgender body, has also welcomed the decision of the Odisha Police and thanked Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik.

"For the first time, a public advertisement has been issued seeking application from transgender people in Government jobs in the State. Including the transgender people in the force will not only boost the confidence of the community, but also change the society's perception towards transgender people," Mahasangh Founder-President Pratap Kumar Sahu said.

The Mahasangh, however, requested the CM to give some relaxation to transgender applicants in physical tests as many of the candidates may not be able to compete with men and women in running and other physical activities.

The Odisha Government had earlier decided to recruit transgender people as Jail Warders but a notification is yet to be issued.

In 2014, the Supreme Court had recognised the transgender community as the third gender and ruled that they have equal privileges over the Fundamental Rights enshrined in the Constitution. The Parliament has also enacted the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019 to provide the community equal rights akin to other human beings.

# MCC Comr. inspects Wards

*Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy on Friday inspected various Wards in city and heard the grievances of Pourakarmikas. MCC Health Officer Dr. D.G. Nagaraj, MCC officials Yogesh, Rajeshwari and others, who were present, explained about the daily activities of Pourakarmikas. Information pertaining to collection of garbage near Dufferin Clock Tower and Santhepet surroundings was also provided to the MCC Commissioner.*

## Stay order on Mysuru Mayoral poll:

# Congress issues notice to Corporator Pradeep

Mysuru, June14- A day after the Karnataka High Court issued a stay order on the conduct of Mysuru Mayoral election that was due on June 11, the Congress on Friday issued a notice to its Corporator Pradeep Chandra, who had brought a stay on June 11 Mayoral election.

The notice asked Pradeep Chandra why disciplinary action should not be initiated against him for violating the party's whip. Asking him to reply in three days, the notice said that the party will take disciplinary action by suspending him from the party if he failed to do so.

The notice further said that the stay order brought by him has caused a huge embarrassment to the Congress, which is ruling the MCC in coalition with JD(S) and that the party would not tolerate any indiscipline and anti-party activities.

Reacting to the notice, the Congress Corporator said that he had moved the High Court stating that this was not the right time to conduct Mayoral polls as COVID caseload was high in Mysuru. Besides, a couple of Corporators too had tested positive for the virus and as bringing COVID under control was of utmost importance, he had sought a stay on Mayoral polls, he maintained.

Clarifying that he had only sought a stay and not cancellation of the Mayoral polls, Pradeep Chandra said that he would reply to the notice served on him by strongly defending his action.

# Corona Warrior sore over equal work, unequal pay

Mysuru, June 14 (YDS& SSV)- "I am happy to work as Corona Warrior but sometimes it scares me as I too have a family. But I forget everything after seeing recovered patients returning home happy." These are the words of Indumati, a nurse who is working on a contract basis at Saligrama Government Hospital since last 15 years.

*Corona Warrior Indumati*

During COVID-19 first wave last year, she was sent on deputation to the District Hospital in Metagalli. Within ten days of working, she felt throat pain and upon testing, she came to know that she had contracted Coronavirus. Initially, she was scared but she recovered after ten days of home quarantine. However, she was panicked as to how they would be able to work in the midst of positive patients. Soon, she overcame fear and started working. A few patients are scared. While some shout at them, few others talk nicely and share their problems. Confidence is instilled in them, she said.

The sad thing is that they work on par with the regularised Government Nurses but there is no equal pay, she rued.

"In summer, it is very difficult to wear PPE kit and work continuously for 8-10 hours. Once worn, it cannot be removed till the end of duty. Once we eat breakfast and drink water, we cannot have anything in the middle as we cannot take any lunch break. We have food only after our shift is over," she added.

# International recognition to VVCE Professor

*Dr. Mohan Krishna*

Mysuru, June 14- Dr. S. A. Mohan Krishna, Associate Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE), Mysuru, has been bestowed with many international recognitions recently.

He has been elected as 'Fellow' for International Institute for Organised Research, International Association on Engineers, Hong Kong, IFERP, Scholars Academics & Scientific Society, and International Association of Academicians, USA.

He has been nominated as an Executive Committee member for American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), USA, Energy Institute, USA, SEEM, ISROSET, Society of Automotive Engineers.

He has been selected as one of the keynote speakers for an international conference on 'Materials Strength and Properties', China and 'Energy Engineering', Belgium, both scheduled during August 2021.

Additionally, he has been nominated as Executive Committee member for Global Research Foundation, Asia Pacific Institute of Science & Technology, Hong Kong and World Research Forum for Engineers and Researchers.

He has been nominated as editorial board member for two reputed international journals, Journal of Thermal Analysis & Calorimetry, Springer publication & Journal of Materials Science, i-manager, UAE.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Farmers' protest

Demanding a special financial package for the farming community, which is in deep distress due to COVID crisis, Farmer Associations will stage a protest in front of the residences of Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, other Cabinet Ministers and BJP Legislators at Bengaluru tomorrow (June 15).

### Agriculture Minister to visit Ch'nagar

Agriculture Minister B.C. Patil will undertake a tour of Chamarajanagar tomorrow (June 15). The Minister will arrive at the town at 11 am and will hold a meeting with Deputy Commissioner, other officials and people representatives on farming issues. He will later leave for H.D. Kote by road at 1.30 pm.

### Fisheries Phone-in

Mysuru Zilla Panchayat (ZP) will be holding a phone-in programme for issues concerning Fisheries Department on the first and third Mondays of every month from 11 am to 12 noon. Call Ph: 0821-2483533 or Mob: 98809-23401 for queries related to Fisheries Dept.

### Matrimonial Meet

An online Matrimonial Meet of prospective brides and bridegrooms will take place under the aegis of JSS Vivaha Vedike on June 20 from 11 am to 1 pm. The meet is open only for registered brides and grooms. However, other interested brides and grooms, can also register at the Vivaha Vedike office. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2430322 or Mob: 96110-70674.

## WATER LEVEL

**KRS DAM**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Maximum | : | 124.80 | feet |
| Today | : | 82.30 | feet |
| Yesterday | : | 82.26 | feet |
| Inflow | : | 666 | cusecs |
| Outflow | : | 352 | cusecs |

**KABINI DAM**

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|---|---|---|---|
| Maximum | : | 2,284.00 | feet |
| Today | : | 2,264.50 | feet |
| Inflow | : | 2,769 | cusecs |
| Outflow | : | 700 | cusecs |

**HARANGI DAM**

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|---|---|---|---|
| Maximum | : | 2,859.00 | feet |
| Today | : | 2,825.37 | feet |
| Inflow | : | 885 | cusecs |
| Outflow | : | 80 | cusecs |

# 'Appoint former DC Rohini Sindhuri as land scam Investigating Officer'

Mysuru, June 14 (PM&DM)- Former MLA and Kannada Chaluvali Leader Vatal Nagaraj staged a demonstration in front of the Deputy Commissioner's office here yesterday demanding appointment of IAS Officer Rohini Sindhuri, who was shunted out as Mysuru DC recently, as the Investigating Officer to probe land scams in and around Mysuru.

Speaking to press persons, Vatal Nagaraj said that the land scam in Mysuru is a big one and Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa should appoint Rohini Sindhuri as the Investigating Officer. The CM should take action if anyone is found guilty in the probe, he said.

Contending that the present Government has been formed with support from land mafia, he said that he does not believe Yediyurappa will take action against those found guilty of land scams.

Alleging that many land scams have taken place in Mysuru since the past 25 years, Vatal Nagaraj alleged that Rohini was transferred as she took up investigation into land scams.

Accusing the CM of bowing to the pressure of lobby of the corrupt in shunting out Rohini as Mysuru DC, Nagaraj maintained that Karnataka has suffered losses to the tune of thousands of crores of rupees due to land, mining, granite and such other mafias.

Charging that the Opposition parties in the State have failed to raise their voice against land mafia, he argued that both the Ruling and Opposition parties come together when it comes to taking action against mafias, land mafias and corrupt practices. Vatal Nagaraj claimed that he would create history by sending all the corrupt to jail within six months, if he became the Chief Minister.

**Demands resignation of MUDA Chairman**

Vatal Nagaraj also demanded the resignation of Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) Chairman H.V. Rajeev, as his name has surfaced in land scams.

Stating that the previous DC Rohini had made a direct reference to H.V. Rajeev in connection with land scams, Nagaraj said that Rajeev should immediately quit his post. Noting that MUDA is not a Real estate agency, he reiterated that Rajeev should not stick on to power if he had any self-respect.

**Karnataka Kavalu Pade**

Karnataka Kavalu Pade President M. Mohan Kumar Gowda too has demanded MUDA Chairman Rajeev to tender his resignation on moral grounds.

In a press release, he stated that a fair inquiry into the encroachment of Government land is not possible in case of his continuing in the current post.

The State Government should immediately set up a high-level Committee to investigate this whole scam including all the orders issued as well as works undertaken during his tenure as the MUDA Chairman.

It is very unfortunate that elected representatives are involved in this land-grabbing spree in and around the city, he rued.

# Suttur Seer bereaved

*Shivanagamma*

Mysuru, June 14- Shivanagamma (90), mother of Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, passed away this morning.

She leaves behind four sons including Suttur Seer, IAS Officer Shadakshari Swamy, JSS Mahavidyapeetha Secretary S.P. Manjunath and Uday Shankar; daughters Shashikala and Umadevi.

Last rites were held at Suttur this noon. Many dignitaries including Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, District Minister S.T. Somashekar, MP Pratap Simha, MLA G.T. Devegowda and others have condoled the death of Shivanagamma.

# Women activist Kumudavalli dies in road accident

*Kumudavalli*

Mysuru, June 14- Kumudavalli (64), a pro-women activist and a resident of Saraswathipuram, died in a road accident yesterday morning.

Kumudavalli, along with her husband Raghavendra, had gone to their farm on H.D. Kote Road and when they were returning, Raghavendra lost control of the bike, resulting in Kumudavalli falling from the bike and sustaining serious head injuries. She breathed her last at the spot. Her husband has suffered minor injuries. No case has been registered in this regard.

Kumudavalli was the senior member of Samata Vedike and had taken part in many pro-women agitations.

# Former Indian volleyball captain Nirmal Milkha Singh passes away

*Nirmal Kaur*

New Delhi, June 14 (UNI)- Nirmal Kaur, former Indian volleyball captain and wife of sprinter Milkha Singh, passed away at a hospital in Mohali in Punjab yesterday. She was 85.

In a statement on Sunday, Milkha Singh family said: "We are deeply saddened to inform you that Mrs. Nirmal Milkha Singh passed away at 4 PM today."

She is survived by husband Milkha Singh, daughters Dr. Mona Singh, Aleeza Grover and Sonia Sanwalka and son Jeev Milkha Singh. Nirmal was cremated on Sunday evening. Milkha Singh, who is still in the ICU of PGIMER, could not attend the cremation.

Milkha Singh in a chapter titled 'The jewels in my crown' in his autobiography — *The Race of My Life* — wrote, "Nimmi is a devoted wife and mother. I am still amazed by how efficiently she manages her personal and professional life without letting either of them suffer."

The couple had married on May 5, 1963 and had first met in Sri Lanka in 1959, where Milkha had gone to compete in an athletic competition and Nirmal was captaining the Indian women's volleyball team.

# Obituary

**G. Radha Bai**

Mysuru, June 14- G. Radha Bai (77), a resident of Lakshmikanthanagar in Hebbal, passed away in the wee hours of today at a private hospital in city. She leaves behind two sons, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam this morning.

**M. Saif**

M. Saif (42) of MD Constructions and a resident of Rajivnagar, passed away yesterday night at a private hospital in city following brief illness.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

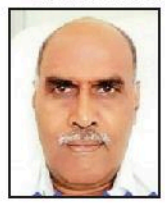
Namaz-e-Janaza and burial took place at the Muslim Burial Grounds today.

**Imtiyaz Ali Khan**

Imtiyaz Ali Khan (57), a hearse driver and a resident of Haleemnagar here, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife, four sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Namaz-e-Janaza and burial took place at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle this morning.

**Channabasappa**



Channabasappa (70), a resident of Kodagahalli here, passed away on Saturday.

He had served as the Director of JSS Jan Shikshan Sansthan and Karnataka State Resource Centre, besides involving himself actively in Suttur Srimutt's Adi Jagadguru Jayanthi Mahotsav and Suttur Jatra Mahotsav.

He leaves behind his wife, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

**Mohammed Aleem Khan**

Mohammed Aleem Khan of Moon Star Sign Boards and a resident of S.S. Nagar in Bannimantap, passed away yesterday evening at a private hospital in city following brief illness.

He leaves behind his wife, children, brothers, sisters and a host of relatives and friends.

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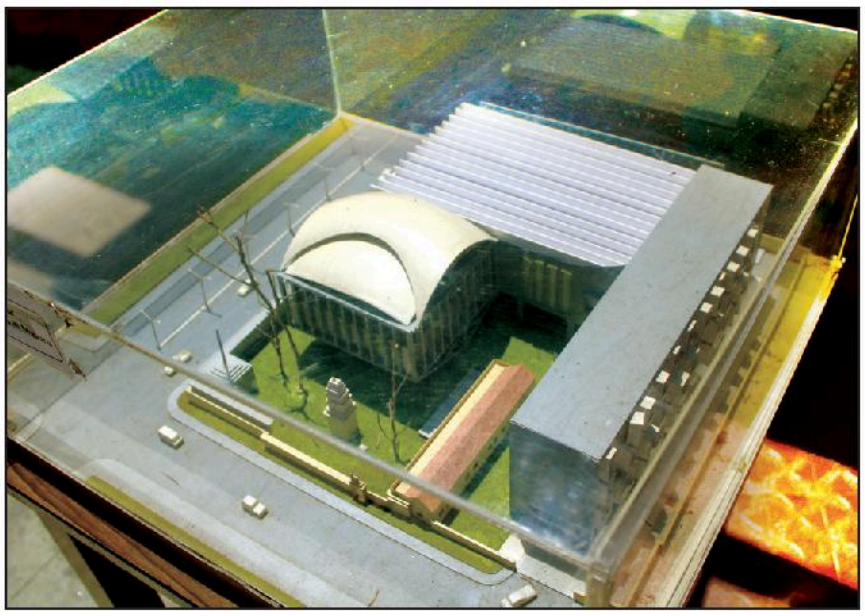
# High Court orders transfer of NTM School premises to Ramakrishna Ashram



*The model of the proposed Swami Vivekananda Cultural and Youth Centre to come up at Mysuru.*

Bengaluru / Mysuru, June 14- In yet another victory for city's Ramakrishna Ashram in respect of construction of Viveka Memorial, the Karnataka High Court has ordered physical possession of the premises of NTM (New Type Model) School on N.S. Road in the heart of the city to Ramakrishna Ashram, for the construction of the Cultural and Youth Centre there.

A Division Bench comprising Justices Aravind Kumar and N.S. Sanjay Gowda, which recently heard a petition filed by Mysuru Ramakrishna Ashram and Ramakrishna Mission seeking physical possession of the land for construction of Viveka Memorial at the site, issued the order.

The Court directed the Government to handover physical possession of the NTM School premises to Ramakrishna Ashram, as promised by it to the Court on Nov.19, 2020. Besides, the school children and teachers of NTM School should be shifted to a nearby school as the Government had handed over the School to Ramakrishna Ashram, through an order issued on Mar. 15, 2013, the Court ruled.

**Details:** To mark Swami Vivekananda's stay at Niranjana Mutt in Mysuru in 1892, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) had handed over the Mutt premises to Ramakrishna Ashram. Later, the BJP Government in 2013, ordered transfer of the adjacent NTM School premises and BRC Centre building premises on N.S. Road too to Ramakrishna Ashrama for construction of Swami Vivekananda Youth Convention Centre at a cost of Rs. 25 crore. But some organisations, questioning the Government's order on transfer of the school, filed PILs in the HC, which were dismissed and the petitioners were also penalised.

In the meantime, based on the oral instructions of then Chief Minister Siddharamaiah, who headed the Congress Government, the then Commissioner of Public Instruction ordered continuance of classes at NTM School. Later, Ramakrishna Ashram once again moved the Court, when the Court invalidated the order of the Commissioner of Public Instruction.

It may be mentioned here that Siddharamaiah had earlier said that he was not personally opposed to the construction of Viveka Memorial at NTM School premises. Noting that the matter was in the Court, he had remarked that he was not opposed to Court's ruling. He had also clarified that he would extend full support for the construction of Viveka Memorial if the Court rules in favour of it. Meanwhile, the NTM Shaale Ulisi Horata Samiti (Save NTM School action committee), which spearheaded the agitation against the proposed Viveka Memorial in the school premises, said that it would file a review petition in the Supreme Court questioning the HC order.

Samiti Convenor S.R. Sudarshan said that the HC generally takes cognisance of only the legal aspects in respect of cases such as this one. But legal experts have opined that the SC, other than other aspects, will also consider the priority factor while issuing a ruling in such cases. As such, the Samiti will continue with its legal battle by filing a review petition in the SC, he pointed out.

# COVID-19: St. Antony's Feast held symbolically at Dornahalli

## The historical Dornahalli Jatra was cancelled for the last two consecutive years due to pandemic

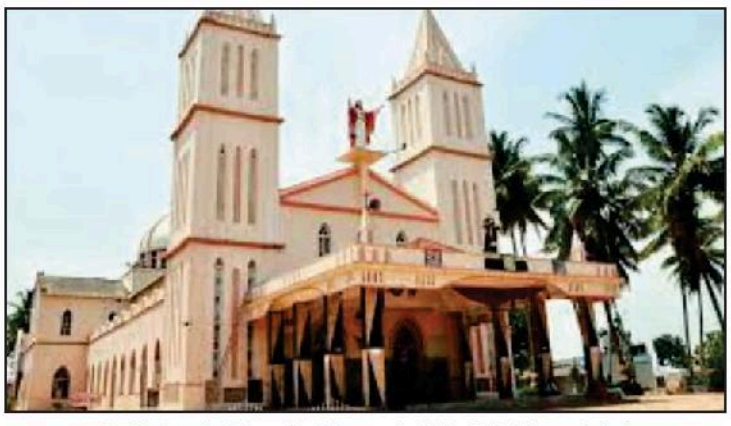
Mysuru, June 14- The Annual Feast of St. Anthony's Basilica at Dornahalli in K.R. Nagar, Mysuru District, was held online and in a symbolic manner on Sunday from 7 am in view of the COVID crisis.

*Bishop K.A. William*

The Church was closed for the public and only a few devotees were seen praying on the premises.

Mysuru Bishop Rev. K.A. William took part in the feast and the solemn festival mass was streamed at 6 am on *Youtube*.

According to Church Administrator Issac Ratnakar, the Mass in Kannada and Novena prayer were held at 7 am, while Mass in Tamil and Novena prayer were held at 8 am followed by Mass in English and Novena prayer at 9 am.



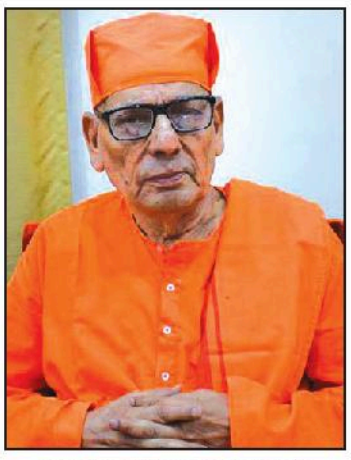
*St. Antony's Church at Dornahalli in K.R. Nagar taluk.*

The historical Dornahalli Jatra was cancelled for the last two consecutive years due to COVID-19 pandemic. The annual feast held for nine days used to draw lakhs of people every year and was celebrated in a grand manner. Last year too the feast was scaled down from nine to three days. This year no special rituals were held even on the ninth day, yesterday.

Fr. S. T. Joseph said that the festival had been cancelled and entry of devotees was restricted to the Church for the last two years. In his message he said, "We pray for the well-being of the people during the pandemic. People should follow COVID guidelines imposed by the Government and get vaccinated. We can celebrate the festival in a grand manner next year."

# Ramakrishna Mutt Vice-President Swami Shivamayanandaji no more

Kolkata, June 14- Swami Shivamayanandaji, Vice-President of Ramakrishna Mutt and Mission, passed away on Friday at a private hospital here following brief illness. He was 86.



*Swami Shivamayanandaji*

The senior monk was admitted to the RKM Seva Pratisthan on May 22 with mild respiratory distress and was put on ventilator. He breathed his last at 9.05 pm on Friday, the statement from Ramakrishna Mutt said.

Born in Bihar on Dec. 20, 1934, Swami Shivamayanandaji was a disciple of Swami Vishuddhanandaji Maharaj, who joined the order in Belur Mutt in 1959 and received 'Sanyas Diksha' from Swami Vireshwaranandaji Maharaj in 1969.

After serving the order at various Seva Pratisthan centres in various capacities, he started his spiritual ministration at the Ramakrishna Mutt and Mission in 2016 by giving 'diksha' to devotees. He was elected as the Vice-President of the twin organisations in 2017, the office he held till the end, along with the office of the head of the Cossipore Mutt.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday expressed his condolences. "Swami Shivamayanandaji Maharaj of the Ramakrishna Mutt was actively involved in a wide range of community service initiatives focused on social empowerment. His contributions to the worlds of culture and spirituality will always be remembered. Saddened by his demise. Om Shanti," he said.

By Girija Madhavan

**MYSORE** MEMORIES...

# Maharani's College in Old Mysore

## A Nostalgic Recall

My memories of Maharani's College, Mysore [now Mysuru], come to life whenever I pass the building where I studied seven decades ago. In the heart of the city, the College is still painted in the classic pale yellow and emerald green of old Mysore buildings. It is surrounded by old rain trees with spreading branches. Students would sit in their shade to chat or eat their lunch.

I had been a lonely, home-schooled girl until I passed the SSLC privately and could join the Intermediate College. I was nervous about interacting with my peers. Most girls in those days, wore saris or *"Langa-davani"* [half sari]. But I was "sensibly dressed" by my mother **Mukta.** She kitted me out in what was then called "Punjabi Dress"; a kurta-pyjama outfit and a "chador" [a Farsi word she had found for chunni or veil]. Naturally, I got teased. *"Enu, ninu Mysuru hudugiallava? Punjab inda yavaga bande?"* [Are you not a Mysore girl? When did you come from Punjab?]

The College was established by the far-sighted **Maharani Kempananjammanni Vani Vilasa Sannidhana** in 1917 for women's education. Broad verandahs with arched pillars encircled the ground and upper floor. A wooden staircase with a wide bannister led upstairs, the steps worn down and polished smooth over the years by the cascading feet of many young girls. Across the road was the Hostel.

My first friend was **Cauveriamma** from Coorg [now Kodagu] and she introduced me to two girls in the Hostel; **Bollamma** and **Dechamma.** Bollamma was plump with twinkling eyes and a dimpled smile.

Dechamma was a beauty with a chiselled nose, arched black eyebrows and dark eyes while her cheeks were tinged with pink. They were friendly and generous, hospitably sharing treats that came from their homes in Kodagu.

While Cauveriamma stayed in touch till she passed away some years ago, I sadly lost contact with the others.

The Principal was **Jayalakshammanni**, an Ursu lady. She was tall with an extremely "fair" complexion. Her natural reserve and imposing personality quelled the pupils without her having to speak at all.

**Gangamma,** the History Lecturer, presided over the most interesting classes we had. She too was from Kodagu. A slender woman of medium height, she had a remarkable rapport with the class.

Her tasteful sarees were worn with delicate jewellery; a triangular gold pendant on a thin chain or a double tiger-claw charm, glass bangles which tinkled as she gestured during her spirited lectures. The first lesson was about Mohenjo-Daro. She roused our interest describing the bust of the Priest King of Mohenjo-Daro, his head band, the floral design on his robe. She described the famous "naked" statuette of the Dancing Girl, "She wore no clothes girls, only many bangles!" which brought the house down.

We were required to study Greek and Roman history in addition to Indian history. Even the complicated sagas of the Peloponnesian Wars, the Athenians, Spartans and other warring Greeks were enlivened by her lectures.

Logic was taught to us by **H.T. Shanta,** who is remembered in Mysore University circles for her erudition in philosophy. She lectured us on subjects like the Fallacies in Logic, giving us a break when the lessons became abstruse or hard to follow. With just ten minutes to the bell, she would relate funny stories or ask a good singer in the class to render a "fillum hit."

Once we discussed superstitions; that it is unlucky to walk under a ladder or have a black cat cross your path. The one that appealed to her most had been taught to me by my mother. It was about crows:

***"One for sorrow,***
***Two for joy***
***Three for a letter***
***Four for a boy***
***Five for silver***
***Six for gold***
***Seven for a secret never told."***

The English lecturer was **Sharada.** Pupils who were not proficient in English were in awe of her. After reading a poem aloud, she would ask the student to explain it line by line. I was asked to paraphrase "On Westminster Bridge" by William Wordsworth. Drilled by my mother, I already knew the poem. However, I slipped up when asked the difference between "riot" and "ryot."

My second language was Hindi. I was in a class of just a few girls. Our Lecturer, **R. Deve Gowda,** was a big, swarthy man with crisply curling hair and a strong jaw. He had studied at the Banaras Hindu University. Apart from our serious texts, he would regale us with Hindi Dohas [couplets] from Kabir, Tulsidas or Rahim [the Sufi Abdul Rahim Khan-i-Khanan, 1556-1627, of Emperor Akbar's court]. A Doha by Rahim on marriage ran like this:

*"Rahimanbiyahbiyadi hai, sakuhu to lehubachai,*
*Paayanbediparat hai dholbajai, bajai."*
[Rahim says marriage is like an ailment, to be avoided if possible. Fetters are placed on the feet while drums are played]

Recalling it now, I began to wonder if a Sufi mystic really wrote this! The Doha was found by a helpful friend, just as I remembered it long ago…on an Osho blog !

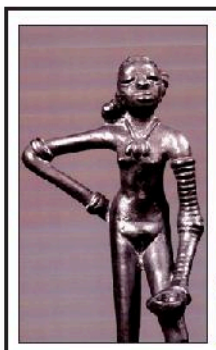
These first two years in the University were the formative ones in our life; honing our talents, channelling our interests in the best direction. Now I see the splendid new Maharani's College on Valmiki Road. On the pavement there, under green and white striped awnings, flower shops display ready-made bouquets or tubs of gladioli, gerberas, lilies, roses and chrysanthemums.

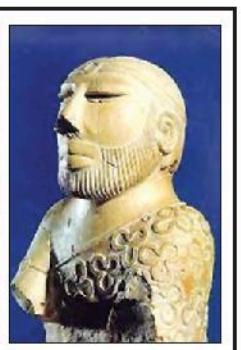
Until the pandemic, the bright faces of the girls going home from class and their colourful attire were a counterpoint to the floral colours. I hope that the hopes and ambitions of these young Indians are realised. Decades hence may they also think back on their days in Maharani's College with pleasure as I do▪

*Class of 1955 (Senior Intermediate). Principal Jayalakshammanni is seated in the centre holding a garland.*

*Girija's friends Bollamma and Dechamma.*

*Gangamma, the History Lecturer.*



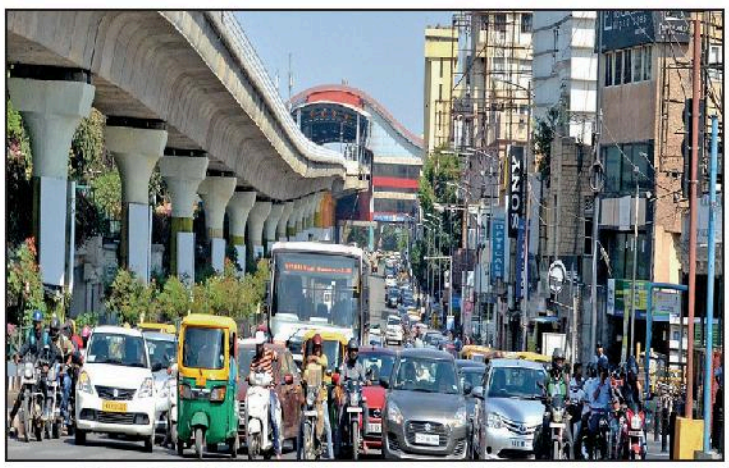


***The Dancing Girl.*** *Picture right:* ***Bust of the Priest King of Mohenjo-Daro.***

# Bengaluru embraces unlock spirit fully

## Huge rush sparks fears of imminent third wave

Mysuru/Bengaluru, June 14 (KMS,MTY,SSV&BCT)- After being under lockdown till now, many sectors in Bengaluru reopened their shutters this morning embracing the new-found normal and huge rush was witnessed in many parts of Bengaluru, especially at toll booths where vehicles made a beeline to enter the State Capital. The sea of humanity, however, sparked fears of the imminent third wave with more intensity and ferocity.



"We just want to ensure that people do not assume that everything is open in Mysuru like Bengaluru. With different lock and unlock policies across the districts, things have become difficult for us in the field," said a Police officer.

**Traffic pours in on roads**

Bengaluru, was among the first in Karnataka to see the easing of restrictions as the city recorded 1,348 new COVID-19 infections in a 24-hour period when compared to the daily infections that crossed 20,000 some days back forcing the Government to take tough measures.

The positivity rate in Bengaluru declined to 3.11 percent, according to Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) yesterday.

As Bengaluru city opened up this morning, over 50 to 65 percent rise was witnessed in the number of vehicles entering the city. Actually, vehicles started pouring in since last evening itself and the toll plazas witnessed huge rush.

Among the relaxations included are extended operational hours for essential shops (vegetables, groceries, milk, meat, etc). Industrial units can operate at 50 percent of the capacity but all other businesses will remain shut. Cloth and footwear merchants, jewellers and sweet vendors cannot resume business as yet. Standalone liquor shops are allowed from 6 am to 2 pm.

The Doddakarenahalli toll plaza near Nelamangala witnessed over 60 percent rise in the number of vehicles entering Bengaluru. Other toll gates too witnessed heavy traffic. Tumakuru Highway, Old Madras Road, Hoskote Road and Devanahalli also reported lines of private vehicles bound for the city.

"Families that had left the city are returning. As the Government has not restricted intra-State and inter-State movement of private vehicles, the numbers are more since yesterday morning," said a Police officer.

With the increasing crowds, however, the threat of a potential third also looms large, that is threatening the collapse of an already fragile healthcare system.

# Kannada film producer

## KCN Chandrashekar no more

*Chandrashekar*

Bengaluru, June 14- Veteran Kannada producer and distributor KCN Chandrashekar (69) passed away on Sunday due to multiple organ failures.

Chandrashekar, who was being treated at a private hospital, served as the President of Kannada Film Chamber of Commerce (KFCC) multiple times. He also headed the South Indian Film Chamber of Commerce (SIFCC).

His father KCN Gowda established the banner KCN Movies which produced and distrubuted some of the biggest blockbusters of the Kannada film industry. Chandrashekar, under the guidance of his father, carried forward the legacy of KCN Movies.

KCN Movies is credited for producing and distributing Dr Rajkumar classics like 'Kasturi Nivasa' (1971), 'Daari Thappida Maga' (1975), 'Babruvahana' (1977) and 'Huliya Haalina Mevu' (1979). After venturing into distribution, he presented more than 200 films, including the famous Ambareesh-starrer 'Antha' (1981). His other noteable films include 'Bhakta Gnanadeva' (1982), 'Dharma Yuddha' (1983), and 'Thayi' (1987).

The KCN family found success in exhibiting as well. Two popular theatres in Bengaluru — Urvashi and Navrang — and one in Doddaballapura (Rajkamal theatre) were founded by the family. Chandrashekar's brother,

KCN Mohan, is also a producer and owns the Navarang theatre in Rajajinagar. He was part of the National Film Awards and Indian Panaroma jury. He was the jury member of for Karnataka State Film Awards. Chandrashekar was also a member of the Censor Board for six years.

# Why Rohini as the DC did not attend even a single MUDA meeting? asks ex-Mayor

*Bhyrappa*

*Rohini Sindhuri*

Mysuru, June 14 (RKB&DM)- Strongly condemning the derogatory remarks allegedly made by previous Mysuru Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rohini Sindhuri against people's representatives, an audio of which went viral a few days ago, former Mayor B.L. Bhyrappa said that it is ridiculous that Rohini is making Government land encroachment allegations now, after failing to act on the same when she was the DC.

Addressing a press meet at Patrakarthara Bhavan here this morning, he also took objection to Rohini's reported remarks that 500 resolutions were passed at a single MUDA meeting.

Questioning why Rohini as the Mysuru DC did not attend even a single MUDA meeting during her over eight-months stint, Bhyrappa said that she could have red flagged any of the resolutions that were passed by MUDA, as she had the executive powers to do so as the DC.

Maintaining that making personal attacks in singular against people's representatives and all others does not augur well for a bureaucrat, Bhyrappa poo-poohed Rohini's claims that she had protected lakes from encroachment, when she did not bother to even visit lakes at the foot of Chamundi Hill, which is very close to Mysuru city.

Noting that MUDA Chairman had taken great pains to convert Seth Mohandas Tulsidas Hospital into a COVID Hospital in a short period, the former Mayor contended that Rohini had failed to understand that co-ordination between bureaucrats, officials and people's representatives is vital in tackling emergency situations such as the current COVID crisis.

Pointing out that land conversion is made by DCs, he maintained that Rohini could have acted on land encroachment by issuing notices to the concerned. But after having failed to do this, Rohini has hit the streets by calling *netas* by names.

# Sanchari Vijay in coma

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"Very disheartening to accept that Sanchari Vijay breathed his last, met him couple of times just before this lockdown. He was all excited about his next film that is due for release. Very sad, deepest condolences to his family and friends," Actor Kiccha Sudeep wrote on social media.

Vijay was riding pillion with his friend Naveen on a bike when it skidded and hit an electric pole. Naveen fractured his leg but Vijay was grievously injured. A CT scan of the brain was done which showed very severe brain injury in addition to a subdural hematoma (brain bleeding). An immediate brain surgery was done to remove the brain haemorrhage. The actor, however, slipped into a comatose state.

The accident took place around 11.45 pm on Saturday, when the lockdown was still in force. It is said that they had gone out on the bike to buy medicines. A case has been registered against Naveen. Reports say Vijay was not wearing a helmet.

Sanchari Vijay made his debut with the film 'Rangappa Hogbitna' in 2011. He has appeared in a slew of Kannada films including 'Dasavala', 'Harivu', 'Oggarane', 'Killing Veerappan', 'Varthamana', 'Nathicharami' and 'Sipaayi' among others. He rose to fame with the film 'Naanu Avanalla Avalu', which also fetched him his first National Award for Best Actor.

Vijay was a well-known actor in the theatre circle in Karnataka. He gets his moniker Sanchari from the theatre troupe he was associated with before he began acting in movies.

# CITY UNLOCKED?

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With the State Government declaring that Bengaluru would be open from today, heavy traffic was witnessed on the Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway as many vehicles headed towards the State Capital. Employees of several private companies who worked from hometowns in Mysuru till now headed towards Bengaluru as the State has permitted 50 percent of the workforce to work from their office premises.

As there are no restrictions on intra-State movements and petrol pumps fulfilling fuel needs, hundreds of people headed towards Bengaluru since early this morning resulting in traffic pile-up on the Highway. Several roads in the city like the JLB Road, KRS Road, Bengaluru-Nilgiri Road, Nanjangud Road and Bannur Road looked normal with the usual traffic.

Even after 10 am following the closure of the shopping window to purchase essential items, traffic rush continued. There was a heavy movement of goods vehicles on the Highway as all construction activities have been permitted in Bengaluru.

# Ban orders clamped in Mysuru

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All Government guidelines must be strictly followed and people are not permitted to step out of homes except those permitted by the Government to move as part of maintaining essential services. There will be no relaxation in the existing rules till June 21, he said.

The Police Commissioner's order said only essential shops such as groceries, fruits and vegetables are allowed to open from 6 am to 10 am. Citizens are allowed to come out only during this time. They are permitted to buy items from the shops near their homes. No other shops are allowed to open.

In case of violations, cases will be registered under National Disaster Management Act, besides taking steps for cancellation of trade licences. The City Police will check vehicles and if people are found moving unnecessarily, vehicles will be seized and cases will be booked, he added.

## Vaastu Feng Shui & Bio-Energetics

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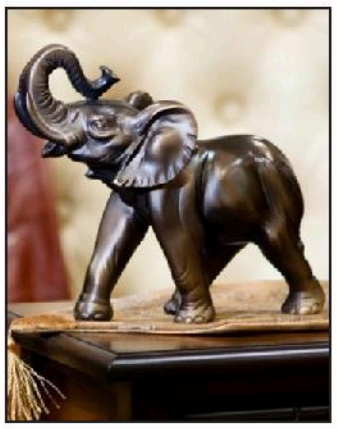
# Recharge your space to bring in Good Luck



From times immemorial, it is said that anything new enters our life only when we create space for it. Only when we re-energise our living space, do we have the benefit of new beginnings along with abundance, prosperity and peace.

In contemporary society, however, it is not just the earth's magnetic field that influence us but also increasing levels of pollutions in the air, water, noise as well as electromagnetic fields because of excessive use of electronic equipment.

The earth's magnetic field for example is only 0.5 mG (milliGauss), while we are exposed to much higher levels of magnetic fields emanating from electronic equipment; Computers and our compulsive use of cell phones, which alone has an intensity of 200mG. All of these have a strong influence on our energy fields and aura surrounding us.

The aura of a person is of immense significance to the person's well being, especially good health, mental balance and therefore mental peace.

This aura is nothing but the "energy field" around a person, which may vary on a daily basis, depending on the person's activity, mental state, immediate surroundings, including a person's attire.

It is possible to measure a man's aura by using Kirlian photography. It is a form of aura photography that captures the subtle energetic fields surrounding any life form. It captures the electric field or the energy discharges and transfers, which occur between various elements within an environment. Kirlian photography helps in revealing the aura of a person, which the naked eye is incapable of seeing. In fact, even inanimate objects can influence the camera in Kirlian photography and map the energy emissions.

These collectively demonstrate our constant exposure to various energy fields and how these influence our space of dwelling as well as our aura. Therefore to counter the negative and ill-effects of these strong energy fields, it is important to understand and take curative measures that can be found in the art and sciences of Vastu and Feng Shui.

• Keeping the Northeast completely clean, clutter-free and light is the fundamental principle and is mandatory in designing a home as per Vastu tenets. Having the land at the Northeast portion of the plot lower or depressed naturally or by creating garden space is of great importance to activate the bio-cosmic energies in this sector to further enhance the good luck of the property.

• De-clutter your place and give away things you may not require anymore. This is important as clutter can deplete the energy fields around you and the immediate environment.

• Plan complete cleaning (and cleansing) of your premises; look for areas which have been neglected and re-do furniture and bedroom if health has been of concern.

• In case you are experiencing negative vibes in your home with your family members, and your relationships has been affected, then wipe the floor with salt water for seven days and place a small bowl of crystal salt to absorb bad vibes which will prevent your aura from getting affected.

• One of the most common practices to ensure absorption of bad energy is to place a small glass bowl filled with water and put a drop of fresh green lemon into it. Placing this close to the main door entry will mitigate bad energy entering your main door and home.

• Hang some colourful decorations, bring in a new plant, and display auspicious symbols like the conch shell, or Om or even an elephant in the living room. Decorate the main entrance of your home and workplace.

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# Women of Roopanagar show ways to deal with junk

Mysuru, June 14 (SSV)- Women of Roopanagar, Mysuru, have formed a *WhatsApp* group called 'Women Power Roopanagar' and have been organising various virtual and other programmes for the benefit of the area residents and to strengthen a sense of community.

**Plastic and other dry waste collection for recycling**

Awareness messages were posted on various *WhatsApp* groups within Roopanagar requesting residents to segregate plastic and other dry waste items at source.

On the fixed day, Darshan of Jagruth Tech, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC)-approved plastic waste collector, would collect these items for recycling.

The collected items are converted into interlock paver blocks and Eco-TUF furniture. So, by recycling, the residents are helping in Solid Waste Management.

**Donated newspapers**

During the current second wave of COVID-19, the MCC has provided shelter to the needy/migrant workers/ homeless people.

The Corporation has provided training and arrangements have been made for these people to make newspaper covers so that they earn some income during their stay at the shelter.

To help this cause, the residents of Roopanagar came together and have donated newspapers weighing around 125 kg to 150 kg. This was picked up by the MCC. Nodal Officer of MCC, Dr. Byralingayya has appreciated residents of Roopanagar for this novel initiative.

**Plastic-free campaign**

'Women Power Roopanagar' — the ladies wing of 'Namma Roopanagara Residents Welfare Association' with the support from 'Deepa House Building Cooperative Society,' had organised a volunteer event with a motto 'Make Roopanagar Plastic Free, Clean & Beautiful.'

The volunteers and eco-warriors of Roopanagar walked the streets of the layout and collected over 40 bags of plastic waste littered on the streets and vacant plots. Plastic waste so collected will be handed over to Jagruth Tech for recycling.

An awareness programme for the residents was also a part of this initiative. It has been planned to hold such eco-friendly initiatives periodically and continue to spread awareness in the community.

This was also held as part of 'World Environment Day 2021' and 'United Nations Decade for Ecosystem Restoration' — Re-imagine-Recreate-Restore.

# Animal adoption continues at Mysuru Zoo

Mysuru, June 14- The following individuals/ institutions have adopted the animals of Mysuru Zoo under 'Adoption of Animals' scheme by paying adoption fee:

N. Suguna, Bengaluru - King Cobra (Rs. 2,000); Hemavathi, Mysuru - Peafowl (Rs. 3,500); M.J. Anantha, Mysuru - Leopard Cat & Red Avadavat (Rs. 6,000); Mohan Kumar, Mysuru - Red Lory (Rs. 2,000); Hemachimane Samrat, Coorg - Great Indian Hornbill (Rs. 5,000); T.R. Nagavaishnavii, Bengaluru - Indian Leopard (Rs. 35,000); Harsha Melanta, Mysuru - Sloth Bear (Rs. 35,000); B.G. Granites, Chamarajanagar - Zebra (Rs. 50,000); Umapathy Srinivasa Gowda, Bengaluru - Elephant (Rs. 1,75,000); Devabhagya Foundation, Bengaluru - Elephant (Rs. 1,75,000); Suhas P. Kaushik, Mysuru - Blue and Yellow Macaw (Rs. 7,500), M. Himavath, Mysuru - Indian Cobra and King Cobra (Rs. 5,500), M.N. Varadaraj Iyengar, Mysuru - Brown Capuchin (Rs. 7,500); Padmini Varadaraj, Mysuru - White Peacock (Rs. 3,500), P.S. Krishna Mani, Mysuru - Manipur Deer (Rs. 7,500); Thejaswin and Divya, Bengaluru - Salmon-Crested Cockatoo (Rs. 5,000); Jayanth Krishna, Mysuru - Leopard Cat (Rs. 5,000); H.K. Kamala, Mysuru - Malabar Giant Squirrel (Rs. 10,000); Kalpana Dilip Shah, Bengaluru - Spotted Deer (Rs. 7,500); Raghu Achar, Mysuru - Leopard Cat (Rs. 5,000); R. Veerappa, Bengaluru - Green Anaconda (Rs. 10,000); M.R. Kumara Swamy, Mysuru - Indian Cobra (Rs. 2,000); Mysuru District Darshan Thugudeepa Pourakarmikara Sangha - two Black Bucks (Rs. 15,000); D. BEATS, Bengaluru - Lion (Rs. 1,00,000); Adi Hari, Bengaluru - Elephant (Rs. 1,75,000); A. Mohan, Mysuru - Golden Pheasant & Red Tory (Rs. 5,500); A.P.C. Abhijit, Mysuru - Common Rat Snake (Rs. 1,000); Srivatsa, Mysuru - Common Barn Owl, Brown Wood Owl & Mottled Wood Owl (Rs. 10,500); G.S. Ramya, Bengaluru - White Peacock (Rs. 3,500); Kavya Shree, Bengaluru - Love Bird (Rs. 1,000), B. Vijay, Mysuru - Ruddy Shelduck (Rs. 2,000); M. Mamatha, Mysuru - Yellow Golden Pheasant (Rs. 3,500); P. Sanmathi Poorva, Mysuru - Mandarin Duck (Rs. 2,000); Pradeep Doddaiah, Bengaluru; Green Anaconda (Rs. 10,000); P. Sudhakar, Mysuru - Indian Grey Wolf (Rs. 20,000); Manu Basavaraju, Hassan - White Peacock (Rs. 3,500); Zeus Biotech Pvt. Ltd., Mysuru - Indian Rhinoceros and Black Panther (Rs. 1,10,000), according to a press release from the Zoo Executive Director Ajit M. Kulkarni.

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# City scientist saves 10 dying Neem trees inside Park

Mysuru, June 14 (BCT)- Wilt, canker, rust, decay, burns, pathological and fungal diseases — anything can hit a tree in our locality. What else can we do other than letting it die? No, think twice. Dying trees can be saved as this 'tree doctor' from city has proved it by saving Neem trees that are considered as a 'doctor tree' thanks to its medicinal properties.

City's Agri Scientist and avid researcher Dr. Vasanth Kumar Thimakapura, who is popularly known as 'plant doctor', has saved ten Neem trees of a Park in Vijayanagar Third Stage. The model adopted by him can save many dying trees at Parks and green areas inside Mysuru city.

"I noticed ten Neem trees during my routine walks and I thought that the trees can be saved. I took up the treatment voluntarily with some of the plant medicines developed by me and within three months the trees have recovered beyond recognition. All the trees I treated have recovered fully and they look much more healthy and vigorous now," he told *Star of Mysore*.

Normally, controlling soil-borne root diseases is practically not possible especially in tree species. Root is the most important organ of the plant for its anchoring to the soil and also to get its supply of water and nutrition to the above ground parts.

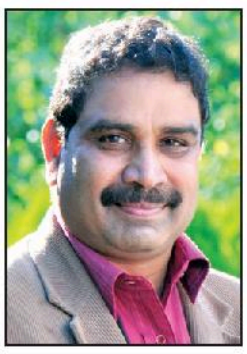
"Initial stages of any infection of roots go unnoticed until the symptoms of the damage are visible on the leaves and branches of the plant or tree, as roots are underground and invisible. Hence, root infections are noticed only at advanced stage of the infection where the plant starts to wilt. That is the reason why it is difficult to control them as the infection would have crossed manageable levels," he said.

Further, it is more complicated as the cause of the problem could be multifaceted and it is impossible to take a look at the damaged root for diagnosis and suitable treatment. May be because of these reasons such wilting trees do not get any attention and they are left to die, he added.

Explaining the process of saving the trees, Dr. Thimakapura said that the medicines were diluted and directly poured onto the roots and gradually the trees came back to life. "We took up the task during dry months where we poured diluted medicines directly to the roots. We poured 10 to 20 litres of the diluted solution per tree depending on the size of the tree," he said and added that this treatment is similar to the treatment given to the roots of pepper vines.

He said that the same model can be adopted by authorities to save many trees that are dying inside the Parks and green landscapes.

Dr. Thimakapura has many achievements to his credit. He recently published a book titled 'Plant Doctor' which is a practical and pictorial manual for diagnosis and management of deficiencies, diseases and insect pests. He has developed a product called 'Power Plus' that cures even virus diseases of many crops especially Papaya Ringspot Virus. He can be contacted at: *vasanth.greenlife@gmail.com* for any help regarding plant health.



**"I regularly see many trees wilting at places including Manasagangothri campus, Kukkarahalli Lake and surroundings. These trees are left to die and it is a loss for our city. Unfortunately, we do not have permission to enter the campuses and take up voluntary tree treatment. I am ready to help the authorities if they join hands with me for tree rejuvenation.**
— Dr. Vasanth Kumar Thimakapura

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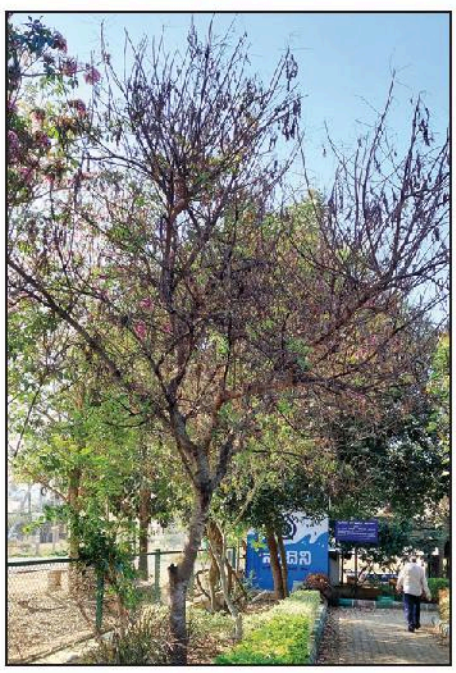

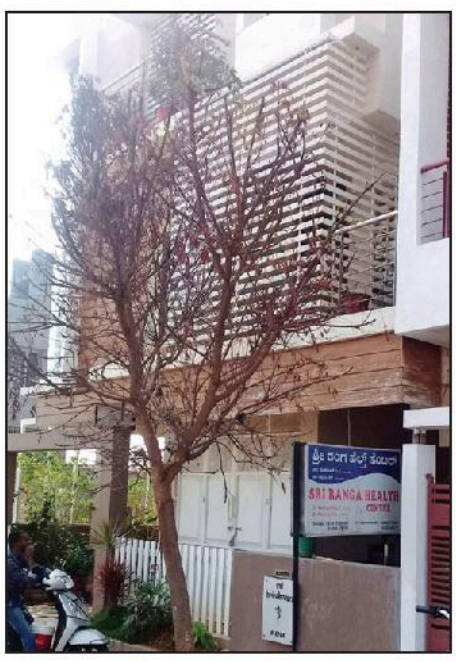

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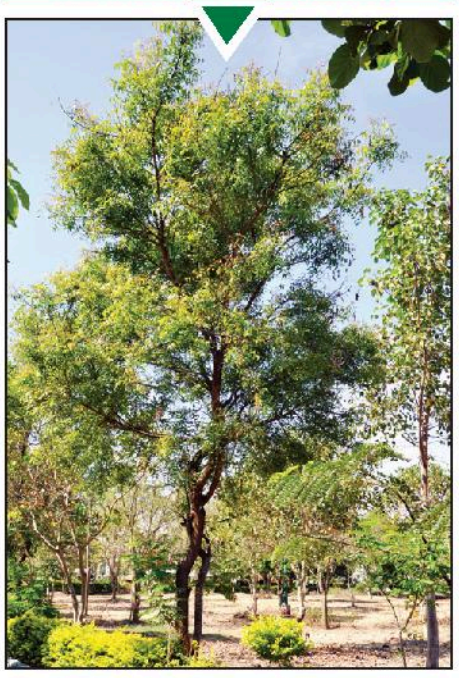

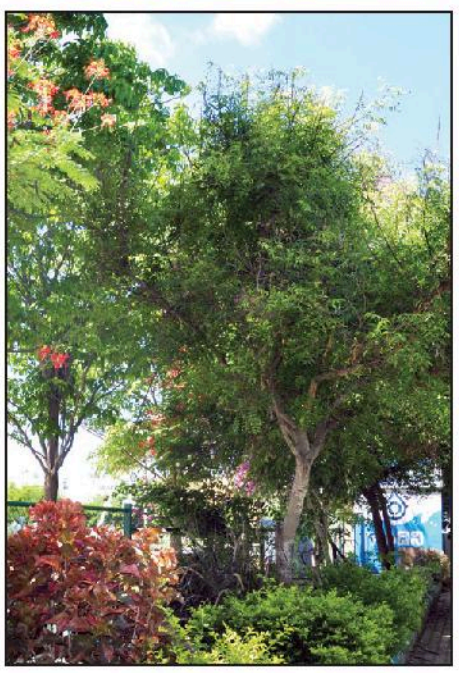

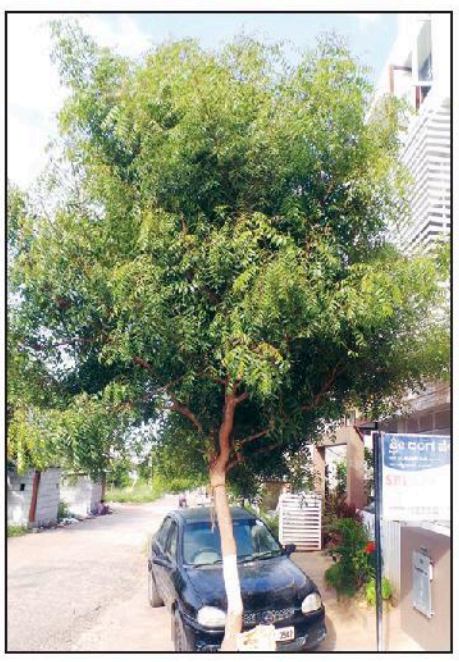

## WORD OF THE DAY

### Glean

**Pronunciation:** GLEEN.
**Meaning:** To gather grain or other produce left by reapers; to gather information or material bit by bit; to strip of the leavings of reapers; to pick over in search of relevant material.
**Origin:** Glean comes from Middle English glenen, which traces to Anglo-French glener, meaning "to glean." The French borrowed their word from Late Latin glennare, which also means "to glean" and is itself of Celtic origin. Both the grain-gathering sense and the collecting-bit-by-bit senses of English's glean date back at least to the 14th century. Over the years and especially in the 20th and 21st centuries, glean has also come to be used frequently with the meaning "to find out, learn, ascertain." This sense has been criticised by folks who think glean should always imply the drudgery involved in the literal grain-gathering sense, but it is well established and perfectly valid.
**Example:** "Every year since Arecibo's completion, in 1963, hundreds of researchers from around the world had taken turns pointing the radio telescope toward the sky to glean the secrets of the universe." — Daniel Alarcón, The New Yorker, 29 Mar 2021.

## THE ODD WORD

### Gallicide

Killer of fowl.

## PHRASE OF THE DAY

### Get off on the wrong foot

**Meaning:** Make a bad start to a project or relationship.
**Origin:** This has the sound of an old expression — from Shakespeare, the Bible or similar. Shakespeare did use the notion of a 'better' foot (which implies a wrong foot) in King John, 1595: KING JOHN:
Nay, but make haste; the better foot before.
O, let me have no subject enemies,
When adverse foreigners affright my towns
With dreadful pomp of stout invasion!
Be Mercury, set feathers to thy heels,
And fly like thought from them to me again. Richard Harvey, in Plaine Perceuall the peace-maker of England, 1590, is the first to record the wrong foot in print: "Thou putst the wrong foote before." Despite the implication otherwise in the phrase put your best foot forward we only have two choices, so if there's a wrong foot there has to be a right one too and get off on the right foot is also in common use. How did these phrases originate? It may be that it comes from the long-standing preference people have for the right. Most people in all cultures are right-handed and in English at least the bias is part of the language.

## QUOTE BOX

I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the water to create many ripples. **—Mother Teresa**

## RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

*Answer: Look both ways before you cross the road.*

## CROSS WORD

**ACROSS:**
1 In short, she has the same parents as you
4 You can shoot arrows with them
8 Mineral from which metal is extracted
11 River in Wales
12 Got up or ascended
14 Sever or curtail
15 Indonesia's earlier name
16 Country bumpkin
17 TV listing abbreviation
18 Martial art
20 Kills or bumps off
22 Total
24 Give money to
25 Foam or froth
28 Mar follower
30 Flows back
34 Greek goddess of the dawn
35 U.N. arm
36 Electronic Industries Assoc.
37 Otherwise
39 Greek Goddess of Night
40 Tel ser. provider in New Delhi and Mumbai
41 Fr. holy title
43 Teenage lout
45 Manila hemp plant
48 Tortilla topped with cheese
52 Gaelic sea god
53 Gold measure
57 Overact
58 Tic ___ toe : children's game?
59 9/11 mastermind
60 Playback singer Arun
61 "Like" suffix
62 A round ring?
63 Scam

**YESTERDAY'S ANSWER**

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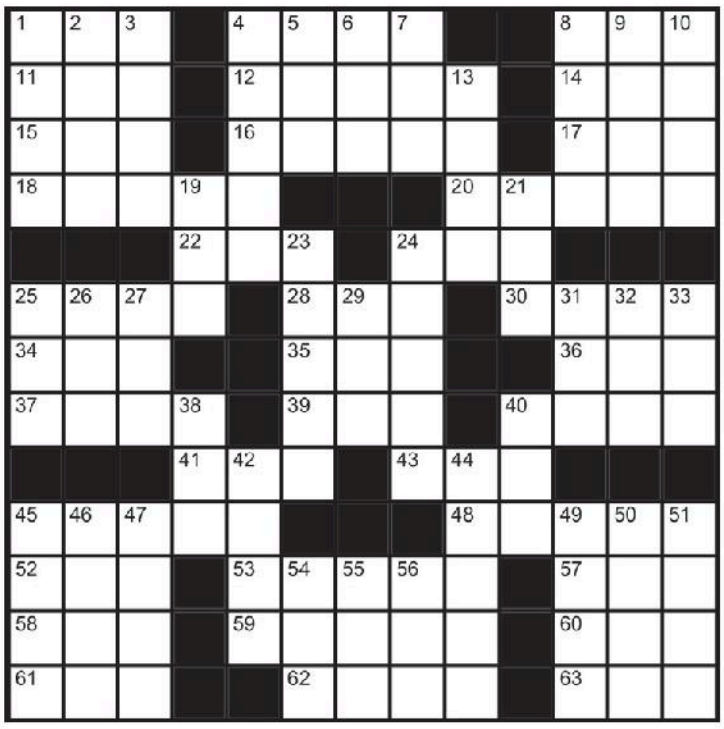
**DOWN**
1 Gone under
2 Understanding term? (1,3)
3 Fleece or swindle, colloquially speaking?
4 Marshy tributary
5 Spanish gold
6 Hunan pan
7 180 degrees from NNW
8 Eight as a prefix
9 Jewellery stone
10 Greek letters - "seat" changed ?
13 Born Free lioness
19 Doctor of Sacred Music, abbr.
21 Cleaning agent
23 One of the USA?
24 The ____ war : fight for control of shareholders of a company?
25 Spot
26 Superior of a maj.
27 United State Steamship, abbr.
29 Wield vigorously
31 Wager or stake
32 Container or receptacle
33 ___ volatile : another name for smelling salts?
38 PC panic button
40 IIM grad
42 Mexican food
44 Readily available
45 High: prefix
46 Indian river
47 Curve
49 Stylish
50 Ring of light
51 Arabian sultanate
54 Etna residue
55 "Oar" broken to get our ex-Prime Minister?
56 Assoc. Med. Off.



## SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

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| 1 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 3 | 8 | 9 | 4 | 5 |
| 8 | 5 | 9 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 7 |

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

## CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

**UJ GAOJOGJ KNGEPF YW HNW DWKEPH GM**

**HNGEZNH, JGH U KEYKHOHEHW MGD OH.**

**TODAY'S CLUE: H EQUALS T**

**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** There is nothing so useless as doing efficiently that which should not be done at all.

# Telugu Samskruti Samithi lends helping hand during pandemic

*Telugu Samskruti Samithi (TSS), Mysuru, has extended a helping hand to the needy by donating Rs. 1 lakh to Rotary Panchasheel Club, Rs. 25,000 to Jana Jagarana Trust and groceries to an orphanage. The cheque was handed over to Rotary Panchasheel Club by TSS President Krishna Reddy in the presence of MP Pratap Simha and Samithi Secretary D.V.S.N. Sinivasa Rao.*

*In a bid to help artistes, who are without jobs due to the current pandemic situation, Sri Guru Puttaraja Sangeetha Sabha Vidyalaya distributed grocery kits to about 110 artistes at Sri Puttaraja Gawai Stadium at J.P. Nagar here recently. Sabha Hon. President and Corporator M.V. Ramprasad, President Bheemashankar Bidanur, Eshwar, L.N. Desai, Datta and others were present.*

*Mysuru Regional Liquor Merchants Development Co-operative Society Limited distributed grocery kits to over 400 people working at various liquor shops in city. The kits were distributed by Mysuru City Excise Deputy Commissioner Madesh. Mysuru Rural Excise Deputy Commissioner Mahadevibai, Society President S. Chandrashekar, Directors B. Ramaradhya, C.J. Gangadhar, Rajashekar Kadamba and others were present.*

*Gollara Mahila Swasahaya Sangha (Golla Women Co-operative Society), Hullina Beedi, K.R. Mohalla, distributed vegetables, masks and sanitisers to 70 needy persons in the presence of Society President Chandrika Yadav, Mysore Yadava Sangha office-bearers K. Javaregowda, Vasu, Nagesh Yadav, Narayanaswamy and others.*

# KMPK Charitable Trust feeds stray dogs in city

## ZAK Chairman Mahadevaswamy participates

Mysuru, June 14 (PM&SSV)- Zoo Authority of Karnataka (ZAK) Chairman L.R. Mahadevaswamy participated in 'Prani Pakshi Seva Jagruthi,' a campaign to feed stray dogs in city during the current lockdown period on Saturday.

This has been launched by KMPK Charitable Trust since last 38 days. As part of this campaign, Mahadevaswamy fed the stray dogs near Maharaja's College Grounds on Saturday.

Speaking on the occasion, he said people were safe staying at home but the stray animals were facing problems for want of food. Keeping this in mind, the Trust has been feeding milk and milk mixed rice to the stray dogs in different parts of city.

"Let us feed animals in our surroundings at least once a day. Keep earthen pots or plates filled with water to quench the thirst of birds. It is also our duty to protect birds and animals along with the concern for environment," Mahadevaswamy said.

KMPK Charitable Trust President Vikram Iyengar said, they have been feeding stray dogs with milk, milk mixed rice, bread, egg and biscuit near Maharaja's College Ground, foot of Chamundi Hill and other places in city.

This endeavour will continue till lockdown is lifted. If citizens spot any stray animals, they can call Mob: 98807-52727 for help.

*Mysuru City Corporation Ward No. 9 Corporator Sameeulla (Ajju) and his brothers distributed daily essentials to the members of Youth for Seva, who are working as frontline warriors in Deputy Commissioner's Office at Siddarthanagar here recently. Youth for Seva District Organiser Satish Metri, Sadesh, Prashanth, Ramesh, P. Harish, Rakesh and others were present.*

*Rotary Club of Mysore East and Lions Club of Mysore Midtown distributed grocery kits to needy auto drivers of Krishnamurthypuram here recently. Past President Rtn. Indra Ballal, President Rtn. Anand, Secretary Rtn. Nagendra, Ln. Suresh Shetty and others were present.*

# Families in Kodagu hunt for tasty mushrooms

Madikeri, June 14 (BCT)- It is that time of the year when many edible mushrooms grow in the wild in the hilly district of Kodagu, making it a mushroom-lovers' dream destination.

Mushrooms or toadstools are found mostly during the monsoon season especially when thunder and lightning strikes the landscape. As soon as the first showers hit the dry earth, residents and families, who are familiar with the areas where usually mushrooms grow, head there to reap the annual harvest — where the dormant spores lie from the previous year. And the person who sees it first, it's all his.

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A particular mushroom that evokes interest this time is the 'Aland Kumm' in Kodava language. Its scientific name is 'Agaricus bisporus', an edible basidiomycete mushroom, native to grasslands in Europe and North America. It has two colour states while immature — white and brown.

A high-fibre content food product, these mushrooms usually rise near paddy fields and sometimes seen under dense cover of coffee estates. 'Aland Kumm' is prepared as curry using coconut masala or as masala fry too.

The other well-known variety is 'Kode Kumm' (umbrella mushroom) with scientific name 'Termitomyces clypeatus' (solitary, grows in soil and also on termite mounds) and 'Nuchchi Kumm' (Termitomyces microcarpus). The cluster of this mushroom is usually spread all throughout the location in specks of white. While the 'Kode Kumm' is usually salted and toasted on a raw flame in the fireplace, the others are prepared as curry to consume them with rice rotis.

**Research finding**

Interestingly, according to an on-going research, lightning makes mushrooms more plentiful. The research is based on a Japanese traditional knowledge where they welcome storms over their fields based on the belief that lightning strikes provoke plentiful harvests of mushrooms. A research is being conducted by scientists in northern Japan where they are bombarding a variety of mushrooms in lab-based garden plots with artificially induced lightning to see if electricity actually makes the fungi multiply.

The results show that lightning-strength jolts of electricity can more than double the yield of certain mushroom species compared with conventional cultivation methods.

French Open-2021

# Djokovic makes history

## with 19th Grand Slam title in epic final

### The 34-year-old Serb becomes first man in 52 years to win all four Majors twice

*Novak Djokovic posing with French Open trophy. [Pic: Internet]*

Paris, June 14- Novak Djokovic claimed a 19th Grand Slam title and became the first man in 52 years to win all four Majors twice when he came from two sets down to beat Stefanos Tsitsipas in a gripping French Open final on Sunday.

The world number one triumphed 6-7(6/8), 2-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4 over the Greek 22-year-old who was playing in his first Slam final.

Djokovic is now just one Major away from equalling the all-time record of 20, jointly held by Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal.

It was a second French Open crown for Djokovic after his 2016 victory and adds to his nine Australian Opens, five Wimbledon titles and three at the US Open.

The 34-year-old Serb is the first man since Rod Laver in 1969 to win all four Slams on multiple occasions and just the third in history.

He is also the first man ever to win a Slam title by twice coming back from two sets down in same the Tournament.

Djokovic now has 84 career titles in total while Sunday's win pushed him to the brink of $150 million in prize money.

# Covaxin clinical trials: Children fit and fine

Mysuru, June 14 (UNI)- Children aged between 12 and 18 years, who were administered Covaxin doses at Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) as part of the clinical trial, are healthy, fit and fine, officials said here on Sunday.

As many as 30 children were administered the vaccine at Cheluvamba Hospital, a constituent hospital of MMC&RI. The health condition of all the children is stable, said MMC&RI Dean and Director Dr. C.P. Nanjaraj.

"We have been closely monitoring them, through telephonic conversation with their parents. No complications have been reported," he said.

The children will be under observation for 208 days. However, the authorities will administer the vaccine to another 20 children between 12 and 18 years. Likewise, children between 6 and 12; 2 and 6 years will be administered the vaccine, he added.

MMC&RI is the only hospital in Karnataka selected for the Paediatric trials of COVID vaccine.

**Vaccination drive: Karnataka stands 6th**

Minister for Health and Medical Education Dr. K Sudhakar on Sunday announced that the State has stood sixth in the vaccination drive in the country.

Speaking to media in Bengaluru, he said the State has received 3 lakh doses of vaccine. Meanwhile, the three crore vaccines ordered by State Government has been cancelled as the Centre is supplying directly to the States free of cost to vaccinate for 18-44 years adults.

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